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ERRATA IN STAR CATALOGUES.

In the course of some work involving an extensive use of southern star catalogues, a few errata and unusual discrepancies have been noted. In general they are of minor importance, but the insertion of the corrections in the catalogues may save some annoyance.

Cordoba Durchmusterung:-

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-23^{\circ} 13035 for G C. read Z C.
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- -24° 15285 differs -2'.2 in δ from Z C. 19^h.695.
- -24° 16622 print G C.
- -24° 16626 for G C. read Z C.
- -24° 16877 delete Z C.
- -24° 16874 print Z C.
- -24° 16959 print G C.
- -24° 16960 delete G C.
- -25° 13024 delete G C.
- -25° 13025 print G C.
- -25° 15714 for G C. read Z C.
- -26° 10862 for G C. read Z C.
- -27° 12682 for G C. read Z C.
- −28° 6607 delete G C.
- -28° 17047 for G C. read Z C.
- -28° 17523 Decl. for 32'.0 read 22'.0.
- -31° 3136 Declination differs 1'.5 from G C. 7589.
- -31° 3^h Right Ascension minute 41 is omitted. It should be printed with No. 1538.
- -32° 16677 for G C. read Z C.
- -34° 5905, 5906. The magnitudes in CDM. are respectively, 9.6 and 7.9. GC. 12906 gives CDM. 5905 a magnitude of 7½. Are the CDM. magnitudes interchanged?
- -34° page 139, for -36° read -34° .
- -36° 6426 for 3.5 mag. read 8.5.
- -38° 9130 for G C. read Z C.
- -39° 14114 Decl. for 29'.1 read 24'.1.
- -40° 8818 for G C. read Z C.
- -40° 9495 delete U A.
- -40° 9496 print U A.

Cordoba Zones:-

17^h 2644 Right Ascension is 18.1 greater than G C. 24105.

Cordoba General Catalogue:-

2107, column Prec. An., for 28.934 read 28.634.

ARGELANDER'S Southern Zones (WEISS):-

1607 Declination 1' too far south? See G C. 3239.

8708 Declination 1' too far south? See G C. 14501.

18236 Right Ascension differs + 1s from G C. 32393.

Schönfeld's Southern Durchmusterung:—

-20° 5055 is marked A, but is not in Weiss's Argelander.

YARNALL (FRISBY) 327. An. Prec. for 10".85 read 19".85.

YARNALL (FRISBY) 8888 is called Arg. (Oe) 20215. Weiss gives 50^s less Right Ascension.

R. G. AITKEN.

January 15, 1898.

AWARD OF THE LALANDE GOLD MEDAL TO ASSISTANT ASTRONOMER C. D. PERRINE, OF THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

The members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific will be pleased to learn that at the meeting of the French Academy of Science, held in Paris, December 30, 1897, the LALANDE Gold Medal was awarded to C. D. PERRINE for distinguished services in astronomy.

Since his connection with the Lick Observatory, Mr. PERRINE has discovered five new comets and rediscovered two periodic comets. In addition to these discoveries, he has not only published long series of observations on these bodies, but has also computed and published various orbits and ephemerides of the new comets from his own observations.

It is quite remarkable that every one of the last five comets observed was successively discovered by this same observer, three being new, and two rediscoveries of the periodic comets of D'Arrest and Winnecke.

The award of the LALANDE Gold Medal to Assistant Astronomer C. D. PERRINE, is but a just recognition, by one of the world's leading scientific bodies, of a most worthy investigator.

J. M. S.

LICK OBSERVATORY, January 21, 1898.